GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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GAS EXTRACTION IN KERALA KONKAN BASINS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to grant special R&D status to certain private companies for carrying out gas extraction works in Kerala, Konkan Basins;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ONGC has not been found eligible for grant of this status;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has received the names of some private companies for grant of such special status;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the sources from where such names have been received ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (g) Proposal for grant of special R&D status to exploration blocks of Kerala-Konkan basin held by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., (ONGC) and Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) was considered by the Government.Since, the proposal was not in line with the PSC provision,it was not agreed to.